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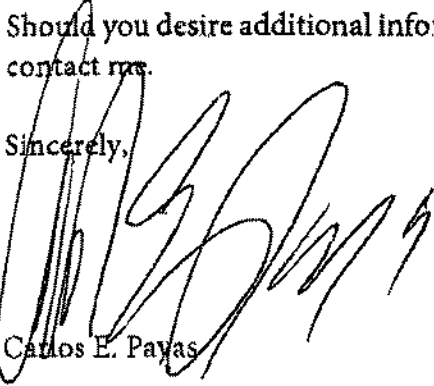
Dear Mr. Muller:

I am writing this letter with regards to the situation concerning Judge Alan C. Todd. I have had the distinct pleasure of appearing before Judge Todd for over 14 years. I have always found Judge Todd to be extremely polite, honest and friendly. Judge Todd always greets everyone who steps into his courtroom with respect and kindness. As you may know, every year Judge Todd is voted as one of the highest rated judges for judicial demeanor and impartiality. Judge Todd always goes out of his way to make everyone in his courtroom feel comfortable and welcomed.

In the past 14 years I have represented more than one hundred Hispanic clients before Judge Todd. In each of those cases Judge Todd treated me and my clients with respect and fairness. I am one hundred percent confident that Judge Todd does not have any ill will towards anyone and he is constantly striving to be fair to all parties.

Should you desire additional information or would like to speak with me directly, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carlos E. Payas

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June 25, 2004


Re: Alan C. Todd

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past seven (7) years, I have enjoyed the privilege of practicing law in front of Judge Alan C. Todd. I have always found Judge Todd to be professional and courteous. Other Judges could learn a lot from Judge Todd when it comes to courtroom demeanor. He exemplifies how a judge should conduct himself on the bench. No matter who the defendant is or what the charge, Judge Todd always gives them the time and respect they deserve. Him being on the bench is an asset to the local judiciary.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,



David R. Bigney

Carolyn Thompson

From: Chan Muller
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2004 11:51 AM
To: Carolyn Thompson
Subject: FW: ALAN C. TODD

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From: Robert Mike II [mailto:robmikeii@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2004 9:16 AM
To: Chan Muller
Subject: ALAN C. TODD

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June 28, 2004

Members of the
Judicial Qualifications Committee

Re: Orange County Judge Alan C. Todd

Dear Members of the Committee:

More than 20 years ago, when I was a young African-American lawyer, struggling, depressed, discouraged and overwhelmed by the demands of the profession, Alan C. Todd sought me out, befriended me, and helped me to face, with character, some very difficult issues. I hold him in the highest regard, and consider him to be a colleague, friend and mentor of whom I am very proud.

Judge Todd is a kind, considerate, patient man who demonstrates these qualities both on and off the bench. Whatever the allegations against him, they must arise from misunderstandings of his down-to-earth, engaging, witty demeanor. I have never known him to be unkind or mean-spirited. I am not the only one who feels this way about Judge Todd; there are many people of varying races, creeds, and nationalities whose lives have been touched in a very positive way by him.

As you consider these allegations against him, I ask that you extend to him your kindest and most merciful consideration, for he has certainly done likewise to others on numerous occasions.

Sincerely,

6/29/2004

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June 25, 2004

Mr. Chandler R. Muller, Esq.
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RE: The Honorable Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller:

This correspondence is regarding the pending action before the Judicial Qualifications Committee with regard to Judge Alan C. Todd.

I have known Judge Todd for approximately fifteen years and have appeared before him many times during his tenure in the criminal division of the county court in Orange County, Florida. Not only have I had the opportunity to litigate preliminary matters before Judge Todd, but have also had the opportunity of trying several cases to their conclusion by way of jury trial in Judge Todd's courtroom. I always welcome the opportunity of appearing before Judge Todd considering the fact that he always maintains his standard of high ethics and treats all parties, including court personnel, witnesses, and parties to the proceeding in a respectful and courteous manner. Also noteworthy is the fact that Judge Todd's demeanor with not only the attorneys involved, but the general public, gives all involved in the court process a sense of calm in an otherwise stressful environment.

I have also noted during my presence in Judge Todd's courtroom that he goes out of his way to attempt to make sure that parties involved in the proceeding understand the nature of what is transpiring in their case and what effect the proceeding can have on them in the future. This attribute sets Judge Todd apart from many other judges that I have had the opportunity to observe during my legal career. I have observed that Judge Todd always attempts to do the right thing considering all circumstances, including the mandates of the law. I have observed Judge Todd in the courtroom with other attorneys and their clients, and he has always been polite, compassionate and fair in making his decisions.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that Judge Todd has always served Orange County as a county judge in an admirable fashion during his tenure, and sets a good example of what constitutes a fair, just, unbiased and knowledgeable judge, and consequently, it would be a travesty to see him no longer serving in said capacity.

Mr. Chandler R. Muller
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You may provide this correspondence to whomever it may concern with regard to the present allegations pending against Judge Todd. If I can be of any further assistance, or if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Andrew C. Moler, Esq.

ACM/sem

June 25, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the Honorable Alan Todd has come under the review of the J.Q.C. for inappropriate remarks to a Deputy Sheriff assigned to his division

I pen this letter obviously supporting Judge Todd whom I personally know as a model jurist. I had worked for Judge Todd for over five years being assigned as a Deputy Sheriff in his division. Judge Todd not only respects the position that he has been elected to, he equally respects all the people that enter his courtroom; either defendants, attorneys, court personnel, witnesses – anyone.

Besides his life in the courtroom, he is also a model citizen who has helped folks in our society who had nothing to do with the judicial system. I have met his family all whom also are exemplary in their professional and personal lives. Judge Todd definitely was instrumental in this family's journey through life. I'm sure he was their model.

To my knowledge they (his family) exhibit no malice to any person, a testament to Judge Todd. They look up to the patriarch and follow his model. No sexism have I ever heard or witnessed from them.

Judge Todd has always treated anyone who entered his courtroom with due respect and always treated defendants, attorneys, court personnel the way he would want members of his family treated. It was always important to him that he maintain human decency in his court and liked all his court personnel to follow his lead. Judge Todd would not like any person to exhibit sexism

to either his wife or daughter and being the man I know, would not do it either.

I was not present during the conversation between Judge Todd and the Deputy, but I firmly believe that Judge Todd had no malice in his heart or mind or was disrespectful of the Deputy as a person or of her profession.

In closing the Honorable Judge Todd is just that – honorable. In the years I worked in his division I saw nothing that would indicate any other opinion of the man or jurist. He brings no disrespect to his profession or personal life.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. F. Petruccelli', with a large, stylized initial 'A' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Angelo F. Petruccelli

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
NUMBER 04-53, ALAN C. TODD

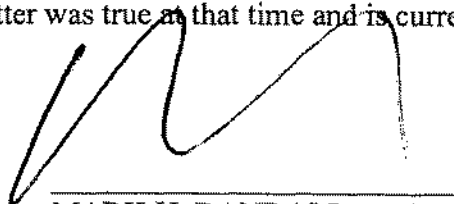
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, personally appeared
MARK H. RANDALL, who, after being first sworn deposes and says that:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years.
2. I am a resident of the State of Florida.
3. I am a member of the Florida Bar since 1975.
4. On Friday, September 30, 2005, I wrote a letter on behalf of the
Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Judge, in and for Orange County,
Florida, and attached to this Affidavit is a copy of my said letter.
What I indicated in my letter was true at that time and is currently
still true.



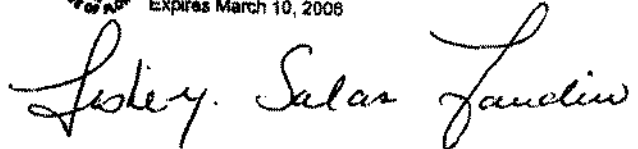
MARK H. RANDALL
AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Mark H. Randall, this 30, day of September, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires: 3/10/2006
Printed or typed Name: Leslie N. Salas-Fandino
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Type of I.D. Produced: _____
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Leslie N Salas-Fandino
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September 30, 2005

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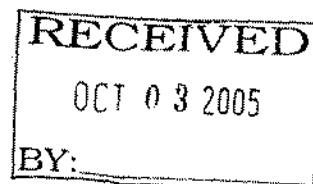
RE: Judge Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Judge Alan C. Todd. I have known Judge Todd for over 25 years. He is an outstanding jurist free from bias and prejudice. He also is one of the most compassionate individuals I have ever known. I have had an opportunity to read the complaint allegations. It is obvious to me that the alleged remarks attributed to him were either false, misinterpreted or taken out of context. I know that Judge Todd would never harbor those personal opinions expressed in the complaint. None of these questioned comments were apparently made in Court and on the record. I find this significant. It appears to me that Judge Todd is the apparent victim of some sort of organized campaign to smear and defame his good name and reputation. I know my views are shared by many in the courthouse community. I would be honored to be called as a witness in his behalf.

Very truly yours,

Mark H. Randall



Scott L. Richardson

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June 25, 2004

Via Facsimile (407)645-3000

Dear Mr. Muller:

By way of introduction my name is Scott L. Richardson. I have been practicing law in the Central Florida area since 1989. The purpose of this correspondence is to convey my views of the Honorable Alan C. Todd with regards to his judicial ethics, professionalism and conduct on the bench.

I have routinely appeared in front of Judge Todd since he took the bench in March 1990. Primarily, my appearances have involved defending citizens accused of criminal charges in Orange County, Florida.

Judge Todd has always run his court room in an efficient and timely manner. Additionally, I have observed nothing but courtesy, politeness and fairness extended to counsel, court personnel and defendants who appeared in front of Judge Todd.

It is my understanding that Judge Todd is being scrutinized for disparaging remarks in the courthouse regarding having children out of wedlock and other matters. I am in a unique position to give a view as to Judge Todd's attitude and conduct regarding these matters. I have a seven (7) year old son, Jesse Scott Richardson, a child I had with a woman to whom I am not married. Judge Todd has expressed nothing but care, concern and questions about Jesse's well being since Jesse was born in 1996. We talk frequently about my son and the rest of my family and Judge Todd has lent nothing but support and goodwill regarding myself and my family.

It should be important to note that I appear in front of Judge Todd regularly. Judge Todd is much more concerned with the progress of the people in the court room over which he presides than your average jurist. He is extremely interested in seeing that people progress in a positive manner in their lives and he does everything in his power to see that this occurs. Judge Todd exudes an even and calm demeanor and is unbiased.

It is difficult to emphasize or articulate the pleasurable aspect of my interactions with Judge Todd since he took the bench. I have never seen any conduct which would lead me to believe that Judge Todd would be reported for any event to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the above-captioned number.

Respectfully Submitted,


SCOTT L. RICHARDSON

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
NUMBER 04-53, ALAN C. TODD

CASE NUMNER SC04-1655

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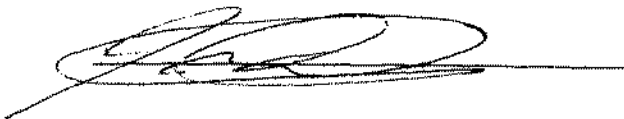
STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF ORANGE)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, personally
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Affidavit is a copy of my said letter. What I indicated in my letter was true at that time,
and is currently still true.



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Juan A. Salazar, this 29
day of September, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC-State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires:
Printed or Typed Name: José Cortez
Personally Known (☒) Produced I.D. (☐)
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SALAZAR & KELLY LAW GROUP, P.A.

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September 29, 2005

Chandler Muller, Esquire
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Re: Inquiry Concerning a Judge,
No. 04 53 Honorable Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller,


My name is Juan A. Salazar. I am an attorney practicing in the Central Florida area. Upon graduating from law school I became an Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. I was assigned to a traffic/misdemeanor division before the Honorable Alan Todd.

During my tenure in Judge Todd's courtroom I came to know him as a fair and easy going person. As a young Hispanic attorney, new to the practice of law it was comforting to appear before a Judge who seemed genuinely concerned with the wellbeing of those who came before him. I never knew Judge Todd to favor or chastise anyone because of their race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex or sexual orientation. If anything I knew him to be inquisitive as to different cultures and ethnic groups and a gentleman in all respects.

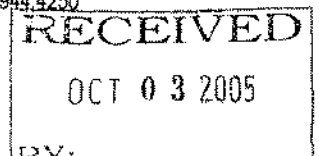
I read the notice of formal charges alleged against Judge Todd. I must admit that I for one find it difficult to believe that the man that I appeared before day in and day out could have said such things let alone in the context that it is being presented to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

I find it difficult to believe that the man who showed such warmth and concern for those who appeared before him, both members of the bar and accused could make such comments to uniformed sheriff's deputies in his courtroom. I do not know any of the women who these things were allegedly said to or about, however, I know Judge Todd and I think that his service and time on the bench speak for itself.

Sincerely,



Juan A. Salazar



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June 25, 2004

Chan Muller, Esq.
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Re: Judge Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller,

Please accept this letter in support of Judge Todd, and please forward it to whomever is appropriate.

I have known Judge Todd for 13 years. The first ten of those years I was an assistant public defender, and during the last three years I have appeared before Judge Todd as a private attorney. I have handled more than one hundred cases before him over the years. I feel like I know Judge Todd both as a judge, and as a person.

I have warm regard for Judge Todd and respect for him. Judge Todd always means well, and would never intend to hurt anyone. I can say that without reservation. He is excellent about taking time with each litigant, and he has the utmost patience. Judge Todd may have previously erred by not realizing the power that his words hold, and maybe he should have been more guarded in some things that he said, but it is exactly because of his willingness to be familiar and approachable that he is a good judge.

I specifically recall a client I had as a private attorney who had a case in front of Judge Todd. This client was or is an alcoholic, and frankly his life might fairly be called a mess. Judge Todd assisted in creating a sentence for this man that would punish him for his charge, since it wasn't his first brush with the law, but it also allowed the client to hold the key to his cell, plus it was a step towards getting a valid driver's license. The client was given probation with many conditions. I wasn't sure the client could complete the sentence but I wanted to give him a chance. We took the deal. After sentencing as we left the courthouse I told the client that if he successfully completed his probation, (which wouldn't be easy) that at the close of the case, once

he was no longer a litigant, Judge Todd and I would take him to lunch to celebrate. I wanted to inspire the client to prove to himself and the world that he could get his act together. When I told this to the client he asked "You mean the judge would have lunch with me?" I said yes. He asked how I knew that. I told him I hadn't asked the judge yet but that I know Judge Todd well enough to know that if the defendant were to successfully complete something as difficult as he was facing that the judge would be only too happy to celebrate with him. I was certain Judge Todd would be willing to make time for this. I also assumed Judge Todd would invite along the prosecutor and because of the friendliness in his division that the prosecutor would gladly come along too. Unfortunately I never had occasion to test this theory because I haven't heard from the client that he completed the probation. I assume if he had he would have called me to brag. Nonetheless I think it is significant that in all the thousands of cases I have handled in over a dozen years of criminal defense practice that Judge Todd is the one judge about whom I was confident I could make a promise like this.

I hope that the above anecdote has given you a flavor of how I perceive Judge Todd. I like him, I like his work, and I am confident that he will make every effort to continue to treat people with the kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Schmidt". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a prominent "C" at the beginning.

Cindy Schmidt



CITY OF WINTER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chandler Muller
1150 Louisiana Avenue
Winter Park, Fl. 32789

Dear Mr. Muller,

06-25-04

I have known Judge Alan Todd professionally for approximately twenty (20) years, first as a defense attorney and presently as a Judge. My contact with him has always been professional and his demeanor courteous and professional.

I was the Winter Park High School Resource Officer for several years as Judge Todd's two children attended. Through this time Judge Todd took photographs at many of their school functions and distributed them to students, parents, and Police Officers. I never knew him to state or act in anything other than an impartial manner.

My career subsequently led me to the Criminal Investigations Division where I needed to have arrest warrants and search warrant signed by a Judge. I can recall many occasions waking Judge Todd up in the early morning hours requesting him to read and sign a warrant. He always did so graciously. He also questioned me about the incident and the content of the information in the narrative, never about the sex or race of the subject.

Through my contact with Judge Todd I learned from him his quest to research historical matters including his person genealogy. He was always interested in knowing more about why historical issues happened, researched them, and openly discussed them with me. Again, he only spoke about facts and I never heard an opinion much less one that may have been biased or prejudicial.


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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
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INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
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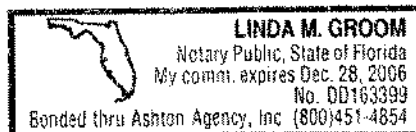
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and is currently still true.

Annette Schultz

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Annette Schultz from this 30th
day of September, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC-State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires: _____
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Personally Known ☒ Produced I.D. ()
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Took Oath ☒ Yes () NO



September 30, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

I have reviewed the formal complaint against Judge Todd. I have been a prosecutor in the Ninth Judicial Circuit for almost fifteen years. In that time frame I have personally appeared in front of Judge Todd on about a dozen occasions. On those occasions Judge Todd was always respectful to the lawyers and litigants in his courtroom. His courtroom always had a comfortable atmosphere in which to practice, and Judge Todd always seemed accessible to all who appeared before him. He seemed patient and had a friendly demeanor. I never felt that he treated any of the litigants unfairly or had any hostility or ill will toward any one in his courtroom. I recall appearing before him when he had a traffic docket and he went out of his way to make sure each defendant not just knew what their sentence was, but knew where the driving courses were held and any other specific detail they would need to assist them in completing their sentence. I would describe his general attitude as exceptionally helpful towards the litigants appearing before him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annette Schultz".

Annette Schultz

June 28, 2004

Mr. Chandler R. Muller
PO Box 2128
Winter Park, Florida 32790

Re: Honorable Judge Allen Todd

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of Judge Allen Todd. I met Judge Todd as a Certified Legal Intern with the Orange County Public Defenders office in May of 1997. I was assigned a caseload in his division. Upon graduation from FSU College of Law in the spring of 1998 I took a job with the Orange County Public Defenders office and was, at my request, reassigned to Judge Todd's courtroom where I spent the next 18 months or so.

I found the learning experience under Judge Todd to be more than an education in procedure or legal analysis. I was allowed to benefit from the Judge's many years of experience in dealing with people on a personal level in extremely difficult situations. While Judge Todd held all before him to the high legal standard demanded of the Rule of Law and the State of Florida he tempered his judgment on an individual case by case basis with the understanding and compassion which is the hallmark of the Common Law. He saw the people before him, both those called before the Court and her Officers, as people cut from the same cloth and treated them with an equality I found inspiring.

I was drawn to Judge Todd's court because of my personal background. I grew up in Birmingham, Alabama in the 1960's. I lived within blocks of the notorious Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. I personally experienced the darkness of bigotry as a young white worker who crossed the line when I choose not to honor a white boycott of newly integrated shower rooms at Birmingham's largest mill, American Cast Iron Pipe Company, in January of 1969. That stand would have cost me my life had it not been for an African-American co-worker who understood the danger far better than me and came to my aid one dark winter night in the parking lot of the mill.

I recognize and understand discrimination as a personal experience and I know Judge Allen Todd to be fair and non-discriminatory. I was present daily in Judge Todd's courtroom for over a year and while Judge Todd has a warm and colorful courtroom demeanor I did not ever hear him make a disparaging remark or comment to or about anyone. I trust Judge Todd with the awesome responsibility of his office and support him totally.



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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
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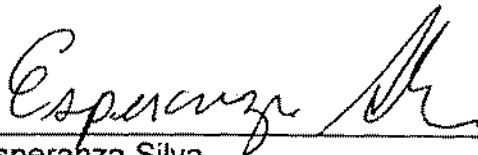
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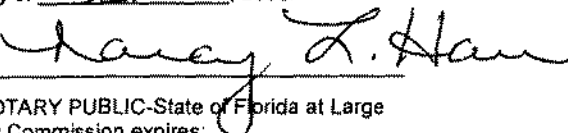
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Esperanza Silva
Judicial Assistant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
day of SEPT, 2005, this 28


NANCY L. HARR

NOTARY PUBLIC-State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires: _____

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Took Oath () Yes () No

NANCY L. HARR
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June 23, 2004

Chandler R. Muller, Esq.
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RE: Judge Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller:

My name is Esperanza Silva and I'm presently Judge Todd's Judicial Assistant. I have known Judge Todd for over 5 years. Working with him as his Trial Clerk and now as his Judicial Assistant.

While working with him in the courtroom as his Trial Clerk, he has always shown himself to be an example to the Judiciary system. He is very respectful, polite, courteous and fair to the state, defense and the defendants. He always goes into details explaining the rights to the defendants, making sure they understand and feel comfortable before entering a plea. I have worked with several judges in the past and truly, Judge Todd has won the medal of what a true Judge is. He should feel proud to be the kind of person he is, and I hope he never changes.

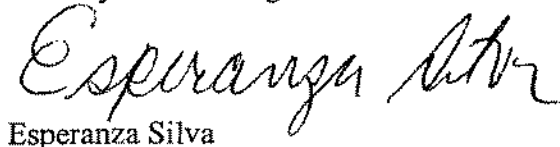
When Judge Todd first offered me the position to be his Judicial Assistant, I was honored, because I knew that I would be working for one of the best Judge in the system.

The 2003 Judicial Poll Results is self-explanatory as to his impartiality, freedom from bias and demeanor, which means that other people feel the same way I do.

If you have any questions or need to speak with me, I will be more than happy to assist you.

I can be reached at work 407-836-2266, home 407-348-6512 or my cell 321-624-5401.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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Esperanza Silva

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
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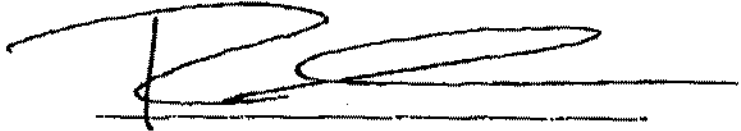
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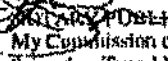
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2. I am a resident of the State of Florida.
3. On 10/4, 2005, I wrote a letter on behalf of The Honorable

Alan C. Todd, County Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida, and attached to this
Affidavit is a copy of my said letter. What I indicated in my letter was true at that time,
and is currently still true.



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Robert Sirianni, this 5th
day of October, 2005.

 Kristi L. Sullivan, Notary Public-State of Florida at Large
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ROBERT L. SIRIANNI, JR.

October 4, 2005

Inquiry Concerning a Judge
Number 04-53, Alan C. Todd
Case Number SC04-1655

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter regarding the Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. It has come to my attention that Judge Todd is the focus of a Judicial Qualification Commission inquiry. I have reviewed the complete allegations set forth against Judge Todd. After assessing the content of the allegations, I provide the following information for the Judicial Qualifying Commission's candid review.

I. Personal background information

I am a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. As a graduate student, I attended the University of Denver—Sturm College of Law. I transferred during my third academic year to the George Mason University School of Law. Following my second academic year of law school, I clerked for the Solicitor General of the United States, the Honorable Theodore Olson. As a law clerk I edited briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court and attended oral argument. Following law school, I served as a prosecutor for the state of Florida, beginning in August 2003 and terminating in August 2005. I recently join the law firm of Broad and Cassel. I practice in the corporate and securities division. In the civic realm, I am President of the Orlando Federalist Society Lawyers' Division.

During my service as a prosecutor, I had the privilege of serving in the courtroom of Judge Todd from January 2005 to August 2005. I will concentrate my remarks on this period.

II. Judge Todd's judicial philosophy and character

During my service in Judge Todd's courtroom, I adjudicated hundreds of cases by plea, dismissal, jury trial, bench trial, and motion hearings. Judge Todd resolves all cases and controversies in an equitable and fair manner. He exemplifies a standard of neutrality toward all parties and individuals. At no time did I witness an invidious comment toward another individual, including but not limited to, court personal, court deputies, attorneys, and most importantly, toward a defendant appearing before the court.

I can say without reservation, that Judge Todd is a responsible, moral agent of the judiciary and respects all parties involved in the criminal justice process.

It is my opinion that Judge Todd's main concern is justice and he attempts to attain justice utilizing the following principles:

- Respecting the Constitutional rights and liberties of each defendant
- Acknowledging the greater needs of society and the social responsibilities accompanying the criminal justice system
- Adjudicating cases by analyzing and understanding all facts leading up to and including the commission of a crime
- Improving the collective happiness and wellbeing of society by a fair, just, and neutral completion to each case and controversy
- Balancing the value of punishment against the values of rehabilitation and reformation
- Encouraging defendants-(when possible)-to obtain a valid Florida drivers' license
- Assessing and understanding the moral character of each defendant
- Respecting and adhering to the rule of law

While the above analysis is neither exhaustive nor complete, the analysis catalogues some of the main underpinnings of Judge Todd's judicial philosophy.

III. Public displays of gratitude

During my service in Judge Todd's courtroom, I recall numerous occasions when various minority groups personally acknowledging Judge Todd for the fairness in which he decided a case. Following the completion of a case or controversy, I witnessed women, men, parents, guardians, brothers and sisters, and people of all races and creeds, thanking Judge Todd for assisting them earn the privilege to drive in the state of Florida or rehabilitating them to be a more productive citizen and member of society. I witnessed such displays on numerous occasions beginning from January 2005 to August 2005. Judge Todd is patient and does not mindlessly accelerate individuals/defendants through the criminal justice system.

IV. Invidious or discriminatory comments

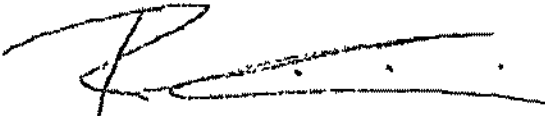
Judge Todd never engaged in any racial, sexual, or discriminatory actions or commentary while on or off the bench. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Judge Todd greets each defendant according to his or her proper last name. Attorneys and all court personnel are addressed according to their proper title and responsibilities. Furthermore, when court is in session, Judge Todd conducts a very enlightened, friendly and personable court.

V. Conclusion

I am honored to have practiced law in Judge Todd's courtroom. Judge Todd has served the Ninth Judicial Circuit and the state of Florida in an effective, just, and reasonable manner. Judge Todd's record as a Judge is distinguished. As a servant of the people of Florida and the Constitution of Florida, Judge Todd has upheld some of the greatest traditions and values of the American polity.

The objective facts will govern the Judicial Qualification Commission inquiry and my remarks are intended for your candid review; notwithstanding the former, it is my humble recommendation that the Judicial Qualifications Commission absolve Judge Todd of any wrongdoing or potential oversight he is alleged to have committed.

With Cordial Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sirfanni, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Sirfanni, Jr., Esq.

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July 22, 2004

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Chandler R. Muller, Esq.
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Winter Park, FL 32789

RE: The Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Judge
Judicial Qualifications Inquiry

Dear Mr. Muller:

It has come to my attention that the Judicial Qualifications Commission is prosecuting Judge Todd for various violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Unsolicited, I am writing to express my unqualified support for Judge Todd. Although I write you in my individual capacity, I am a President-Elect of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. I am a former Chairman of the Traffic Court Rules Committee of The Florida Bar. I am Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law by the Florida Bar Board of Certification. I have practiced law in Central Florida since 1982 and have known Judge Todd as a colleague before he was appointed to the Bench. Since he has become a Judge, I have appeared in front of Judge Todd literally hundreds of times. Not only am I familiar with Judge Todd's reputation among the legal community, I have had extensive contact with him and feel like I know him as well as anyone in the local Bar Association.

Judge Todd reluctantly shared with me the allegations pending against him by the Judicial Qualifications Commission. I write this letter with full awareness of his situation.

Judge Todd is a church-going, God fearing decent and moral member of our local community. He has raised two children quite successfully, both of whom I know. He has been successfully married to the same woman, the mother of his children, for over 35 years. I know one of his favorite hobbies is genealogy.

Chandler R. Muller
July 22, 2004
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I have seen Judge Todd interact with literally hundreds if not now thousands of litigants who have appeared in his courtrooms for either arraignment, pre-trial hearing, contested motion hearings, pre-trial conferences or trials. At no time during the course of my career have I ever seen Judge Todd be rude, offensive or otherwise treat anyone appearing before him with anything other than courtesy and respect. In fact, Judge Todd is known for fostering professionalism, courtesy and respect in his courtroom among the litigants and lawyers.

I understand the comments that Judge Todd made, largely off the Bench, are inappropriate. He has expressed to me that he too understands that these comments are inappropriate, largely because of the position he holds. Judge Todd is often looked to as a father figure and his counsel is sought by court personnel and lawyers alike. In the instances where he shared his personal views which upset the listener, I can assure you he had no intention of hurting the feelings of the listeners, but was rather sharing his views openly in the spirit of friendly and open communication. In the other comments made from the Bench, I know that Judge Todd regrets these incidents.

While I do not know what action the Commission may be considering, I write to ask you to seek, at most, a private reprimand. Judge Todd has expressed to me that he is in counseling to better understand the communication issues that brought these matters upon him. A public reprimand would be unnecessary and unnecessarily humiliating to a fine, upstanding citizen and jurist in our area. While it doesn't seem conceivable that removal could be a consequence, I would urge you to do all in your power to dissuade the Commission from that action.

One other thing that I would like to communicate, our Bench represents a wide and diverse group of people. The Ninth Judicial Circuit has successfully integrated the Bench with representatives of many of our ethnic backgrounds which populate our community. We have a number of judges of both genders. We also have a Bench that ranges from liberal to very conservative in political, judicial and social philosophy. Judge Todd is part of our diverse Bench. To discipline him for his ideological or philosophical beliefs would rob the Bench of the very diversity it needs to remain representative of our community. This is not to say that inappropriate comments should be tolerated, rather that, he is an integral part of our local Bench who deserves to retain his position, especially since he is amenable to rehabilitation.

I will gladly appear in person before the Commission on behalf of Judge Todd.

Chandler R. Muller
July 22, 2004
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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MICHAEL J. SNURE

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June 24, 2004

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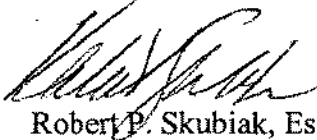
Dear Mr. Muller:

My name is Robert Skubiak and I work with my law partner Alain Rivas, at Skubiak & Rivas, P.A. Over the past twelve years I have had the opportunity to appear before over fifty county judges as I have an extremely busy traffic defense practice.

Judge Todd has treated myself and my law partner with great consideration and respect. When I began practicing in 1993, I was touched that Judge Todd seemed to care about me and offer his advice even though I was a young and easily intimidated 25 year old attorney. Over the years I have seen Judge Todd treat all people in his courtroom with great respect. He takes time to make sure Defendant's understand procedures, he advises jurors and thanks them profusely for their role at trial.

I know of no other Judge who has Judge Todd's sense of dignity, integrity and wisdom. He is a blessing to Orange County and I am proud that his character has an opportunity to shine every time he takes the bench.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Skubiak, Esq.

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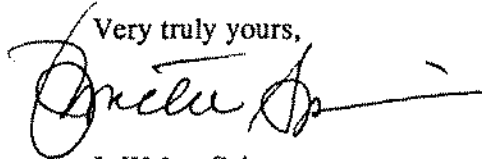
The Honorable Alan C. Todd
Orange County Courthouse
425 North Orange Avenue
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Dear Judge Todd:

Last week I was in your courtroom as a member of a pool of potential jurors. During voir dire I mentioned that a recent newspaper article detailed the current use by certain police departments of flashlights containing breathalyzer-type devices. I have enclosed a copy of the article from the Orlando Sentinel's web site. The actual article in the newspaper included a picture of the device that is not included on the online version.

My appearance in your court last week marked the third time that I have gone through a voir dire as a potential juror. I must say that you did a much better job in explaining the process to the potential jurors and in creating a less intimidating environment than the other two judges. I am unaware of the outcome of last week's case, but it seems to me that the attorneys certainly were given the opportunity to make an informed decision as to the composition of the jury. As a citizen of Orange County and a member of the Bar, it is comforting to know that we have competent, effective judges such as yourself sitting on the Bench.

Very truly yours,



J. Walter Spiva

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June 23, 2004

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To whom it may concern:

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I write this letter in Support of Judge Alan Todd. I have been practicing law for over 27 years, I have served as a State Legislator in Florida. Commissioner of Judicial Nominating Commission for over 5 years; Law School Professor; handled cases in over 35 jurisdictions throughout the United States; and legal counsel to N.Y.S. Legislature. I have some experience in Evaluating of Judicial Temperament and Experience. I have on more than several occasions appeared before Judge Todd. I can and will attest that Judge Todd was made to be a Judge. His temperament is always even kneel and his demeanour toward litigant is beyond polite and respectful. He has never appeared to be biast or partial in the handling of matters I have handled before him.

Frankly he is one of the few Criminal Court Judges I would unequivocally Support for the Circuit Court.

Please feel free to call my office for any other questions you may have of me.

Very truly yours,


Anthony Suarcz, Esq.

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June 25, 2004

Honorable Members of the Judicial Qualification Commission

C/O Chandler Muller Esq.

This letter is written on behalf of the Honorable Alan C. Todd . I have known Judge Todd on a professional capacity for approximately fifteen years.

I initiated a complaint against Judge Todd for statements made by him approximately fifteen years ago. This complaint was initiated by another attorney and myself when we were employed by the Office of the State Attorney.

In the last fourteen years I have gotten to know Judge Todd by practicing routinely before him. His sentences are always fair. He always tries to provide the person that appears before him as a defendant with opportunities to correct the conduct that got him/her in trouble with the Law. I have seen him do this consistently. He tries to treat everybody in a fair and consistent way.

My opinion of Judge Todd is that he is humble and a good hearted person. I do not believe he intends to hurt anybody specifically when he say things.

It is a pleasure and honor to write this letter.

Thank You

Sincerely



Jose F. Torroella, P.A

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June 25, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to attest to the character and nature of the honorable Judge Alan C. Todd. As a female member of the community who has been associated with Judge Todd both professionally and during off-hour activities, I have found his character to be above reproach. His sense of fairness and aplomb have in many instances set him apart as a leader in the community as well as in the court room. Judge Todd has been a staunch mentor and a champion for fair treatment for all regardless of sex, race, or creed.

Although the responsibilities of the position often demand an insight into aspects of life that are deviant to common values, Judge Todd exemplifies the stalwart steward of justice while remaining compassionate in delivery.

Please accept this letter as a sketch of a most capable jurist and a champion of people regardless of origin or orientation.

Sincerely,

Sherry Wolfe

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
NUMBER 04-53, ALAN C. TODD

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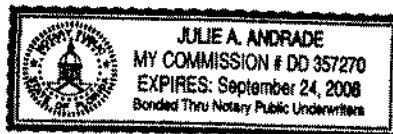
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John Von Achen

State of Florida County of Orange
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
John Von Achen, this 28
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June 25, 2004

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Re: Judge Alan Todd

Dear Mr. Muller,

My name is John Von Achen and I have been in the bail bond business for 20 years. In those 20 years, I would say that I have become extremely knowledgeable when it comes to the criminal justice system. It is the policy of my business, that if a defendant misses a court appearance, we will try to bring the defendant back in front of his particular Judge and ask that the bond forfeiture be set aside and the bond reinstated. In almost all cases, the Judge grants our request because he sees the value of continuing on with the case and the savings to the taxpayer by keeping the defendant out of jail.

This is how I met Judge Alan Todd. Judge Todd has always been very kind and courteous with me and my clients. He tries to make sure that my clients know the ramifications of their actions in regard to their futures. Through the years I believe that, for the most part, Orange County has been blessed with some superb judges. At the top of this list is Judge Alan Todd. I have seldom seen anybody in my life who actually cares about people as much as Judge Todd. On many occasions I have seen Judge Todd take extra time with the defendants so they fully understand how their future can be affected by the outcome of the case.

In conclusion, I can say that I find Judge Alan Todd to have a great heart and much compassion for the people who appear before him.

Sincerely,


John Von Achen